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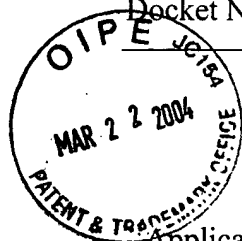
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with 10 references.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 10 references. Copies of disclosed U.S. patents and/or publications are not included pursuant to PTO waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for applications filed after June 30, 2003. Copies of other references, if listed, are enclosed.

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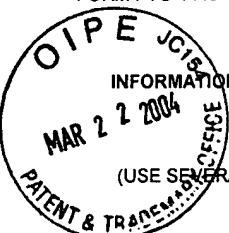
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE (IF APPROPRIATE)
	1	4,708,669	11/24/87	Kanno et al.	440	1	
	2	4,734,065	3/29/88	Nakahama et al.	440	1	
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	5	6,377,879	4/23/02	Kanno	701	29	
	6	6,431,930	8/13/02	Holt	440	84	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	7	10-319950	12/4/98	Patent Abstracts of Japan				
	8	2000-108995	4/18/00	Japan w/English abstract				
	9	2000-313398	11/14/00	Japan w/English abstract				
	10	2001-236317	8/3/01	Japan w/English abstract				

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